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Applicant: Andrew K. Benson Attorney Docket No.: 101997-5

Transmitted herewith for filing in the above-identified application are the following documents:

- 1. Amendment and Response to the Office Action mailed December 20, 2000;
- 2. Request for One-Month Extension of Time;
- 3. A check in the amount of \$110.00 representing the extension fee;
- 4. Five (5) Sheets of Formal Drawings, Figs. 1, 2A-2B, 3, 4, and 4A; and
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

This communication is in response to the Office Action mailed December 20, 2000. A To the Assistant Commissioner: Request for One Month Extension and fee are filed herewith, extending the period for response to April 20, 2001, so this Response is timely. If the Assistant Commissioner finds that any further fee or deficiency is due, it may be charged to Deposit Account 141449.

Please amend the application as set forth below.